



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 02/13/2024

REQUESTER: Jeanne Snider, Assistant City Attorney

PRESENTER: Jeanne Snider, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-116 : A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$15,971.65 FROM THE REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS RISK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT TO REPAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT DAMAGED BY OTHER DRIVERS IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

BACKGROUND:

Funding is required to repair City vehicles that are damaged in traffic collisions. To assist with this process, the City has contracted with Alternative Claims Management (ACM) to pursue reimbursement of damage costs from the other driver's insurance policy when the collision is the fault of the other driver.

ACM has remitted payment to the City in the amount of \$15,971.65. This item requests an appropriation of these funds to the Miscellaneous Services/Uninsured Losses account to pay for vehicle repairs.

DISCUSSION:

Insurance reimbursement has been received for the following incidents:

On December 19, 2022, a Norman Police Department vehicle (Unit 1224) was struck by another driver who attempted to leave the scene of an investigation. USAA insurance determined their driver to be at fault and after the City received payment for damage costs, a Loss of Use payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$1,561.92.

On September 29, 2023, a Norman Police Department vehicle (Unit 1077) was struck by another driver who was backing out of a private driveway. State Farm insurance determined their driver to be at fault and payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$737.96.

On October 13, 2022, a Norman Line Maintenance vehicle (Unit 325) was struck by another driver who failed to observe that Unit 325 had stopped. State Farm insurance determined their driver to be at fault and after the City received payment for damage costs, a Loss of Use payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$1,505.00.

On April 3, 2023, a Norman Police Department vehicle (Unit 1189) with active lights and sirens was struck by another driver who failed to yield to this emergency vehicle. Liberty Mutual insurance determined their driver to be at fault and payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$4,198.53.

On September 1, 2023, a Norman Parking Enforcement vehicle (Unit 1052) was struck by another driver who was backing out of a parking spot. State Farm insurance determined their driver to be at fault and payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$1,968.24.

On December 29, 2021, a Norman Fire Department fire truck (Unit 34) was struck by another driver who failed to yield to traffic in the intersection after he stopped at a stop sign. Mercury insurance determined their driver to be at fault and payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$6,000.00.

The collections outlined above, totaling \$15,971.65, were received by the City and forwarded for deposit into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account on January 29, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of R-2324-116 for the appropriation of the above-referenced insurance reimbursement funds totaling \$15,971.65 from Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management (Account 439-365264) to Miscellaneous Services – Uninsured Losses (43330104-44798) for the payment of repairs to City of Norman vehicles.